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By email only

**Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee**

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Dear President,

Petition referred to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

At our meeting on 1 November 2022, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee considered petition [PE1866: Introduce legislation to improve bus travel for wheelchair users](#) which calls for action by the Scottish Government to improve accessibility on buses.

During our consideration, we noted that the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee had written to the Scottish Government to ask if issues raised in the petition could be addressed via the provisions relating to bus travel within the [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019](#). The Scottish Government's response stated local authorities have been conferred powers to implement improvements to service standards through provisions outlined in this legislation.

The Committee is keen to hear COSLA's views on whether the powers in the 2019 Act to which the Scottish Government referred could be used to address the concerns the petitioner has raised.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee